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SUBJ: BILATERAL APPROACHES ON SOVIET TRIALS

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1. I TOOK OPPORTUNITY OF SCHEDULED CALL OF VOA DIRECTOR  
STRAUS ON VICE FOREIGN MINISTER DOBROSIELSKI CARRY OUR INSTRUCTIONS  
REFTEL.

2. SEDOBROSIELSKI REPLIED IN TERMS SIMILIAR TO HIS PAST  
COMMENTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES AND DETENTE. HE EXPRESSED  
THE HOPE THAT THE PUBLIC FUROR OVER ISSUES DIVIDING THE  
US AND THE USSR WILL DIE DOWN SO THAT DETENTE WILL NOT BE  
ENDANGERED.

3. AS HE HAS IN THE PAST, DOBROSIELSKI REITERATED THAT  
DETENTE IS NOT ONE ALTERNATIVE FOR POLAND, IT IS THE ONLY  
ALTERNATIVE. IF IT SHOULD DETERIORATE, POLAND, IN VIEW OF  
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LINKS TO THE SOVIET UNION, WILL BE ABLE TO GO IN ONLY ONE  
DIRECTION. IN ADDITION CONTINUED PROGRESS TOWARD DETENTE  
WILL LEAD TO FURTHER LIBERALIZATION IN POLAND  
ITSELF.

4. DOBROSIELSKI UNDERLINED THAT PUBLIC PRESSURE  
ON THE SOVIET UNION IS NOT THE BEST WAY TO GET

RESULTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS OR OTHER MATTERS. SUCH QUESTIONS ARE MOST SUCCESSFULLY APPROACHED THROUGH QUIET DIPLOMACY WHICH PERMITS A NATION TO ADAPT OR MODIFY ITS POLICY WITHOUT SEEMING TO SUCCUMB TO OUTSIDE PRESSURES.

5. REGARDING THE TRIALS THEMSELVES DOBROSIELSKI ONLY COMMENTED THAT FROM WHAT HE HAD SEEN, ORLOV, GINZBURG AND SHCAHRANSKIR WERE CONVICTED OF VIOLATIONS OF SOVIET LAW ON THE BASIS OF AVAILABLE EVIDENCE.

6. I REPEATED THAT WE SAW THESE TRIALS AND CONVICTIONS AS VIOLATIONS OF THE OBJECTIVES AND STATEMENTS OF INTENT SIGNED IN HELSINKI WITH WHICH DOBROSIELSKI AS HEAD OF THE POLISH CSCE DELEGATION IS THOROUGHLY FAMILIAR. FURTHERMORE, THERE IS ADEQUATE EVIDENCE THAT IN THE PAST CASES INVOLVING HUMAN RIGHTS HAVE BEEN SATISFACTORILY RESOLVED ONLY IN THE FACE OF PUBLIC PRESSURE.

7. COMMENT: THE POLISH REACTION WAS PREDICTABLE. AND EMPHASIZED ONCE MORE THE PERVASIVE VIEW IN WARSAW, AMONG POLES CONCERNED WITH FOREIGN AFFAIRS, THAT ANY WEAKENING OF THE PROCESS OF DETENTE WOULD INEVITABLY LIMIT POLISH MANEUVERABILITY IN ITS CONFIDENTIAL

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RELATIONS WITH THE WEST, PARTICULARLY THE US. ALTHOUGH I EXPECT THE POLES WILL REPORT THIS APPROACH TO THE SOVIETS, I DO NOT ANTICIPATE THAT THEY WILL URGE THE USSR TO ACT ANY DIFFERENTLY THAN IT HAS.  
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